

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 15th day of March, 1957.

S. B. 28

CHAPTER 65

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 136 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS
COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G. S. 136-1 is hereby amended by rewriting said Section to read as follows:

"Sec. 136.1. State Highway Commission Created.—There is hereby created a State Highway Commission, to be composed of seven members appointed by the Governor from different areas of the State. The Governor shall, on July 1, 1957, appoint four members to serve for four years, and three members to serve for two years, and the Governor shall thereafter appoint their successors for four-year terms. On July 1, 1957, and biennially thereafter, the Governor shall designate one of the said members to serve as Chairman of the Commission for two years. Any member appointed pursuant to this Section may be removed from office by the Governor for cause. In case of death, resignation, or removal from office of a Commissioner prior to the expiration of his term of office, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor to fill out the unexpired term. The Commissioners shall each receive while engaged in the discharge of the duties of their office such per diem, subsistence, and necessary travel expenses as is provided by law for members of State Boards and Commissions generally.

"It is the intent and purpose of this Section that the Commissioners shall represent the entire State and not represent any particular area; provided, however, that the Governor and the State Highway Commission shall, without regard to the boundaries of engineering divisions, divide the State into geographic areas, and assign one or more Commissioners to each area to be responsible for relations with the public generally and with individual citizens regarding highway matters; and provided further that the Highway Commission shall within the State hold at least one meeting each year in a town or city East of Raleigh, one meeting in a town or city West of Raleigh but East of Hickory, and one meeting in a town or city located in the remaining western part of the State at which meetings the Commission shall in addition to its other business be available to the members of the public who wish to be heard regarding highway matters. In addition the State Highway Commission shall from time to time provide that one or more of its members or representatives shall publicly hear any person or persons desiring to bring to their atten-